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" (b) No capital investment has so far been incurred on electric and irrigation projects in South Kanara district."

SRI D. MANJAYA HEDGE:—" With a certain amount of surplus, what objection have Government to invest a capital amount on the paper industry? We have got enough bamboos there."

THE HON. SRI C. RAJAGOPALACHARIAR:—" Government have no objection, if, on examination, it is found to be a good proposal."

SRI A. RANGASWAMI AYYANGAR:—" May I know whether it is the policy of the Government to prepare a budget for each district?"

THE HON. SRI C. RAJAGOPALACHARIAR:—" Not yet, Sir."

MR. J. A. SALDANHA:—" There have been many complaints in connexion with this capital expenditure in South Kanara. Have Government any schemes other than electrical schemes, such as minor irrigation schemes, for meeting the needs of the people?"

THE HON. SRI C. RAJAGOPALACHARIAR:—" Capital expenditure is not merely a matter for equal distribution, but it depends upon the resources and the needs of each locality. If hon. Members will assist in initiating and making suggestions in regard to useful remunerative and good investments in any locality, they will be duly considered by the Government."

MR. J. A. SALDANHA:—" Is it not a question more of equitable expenditure considering that South Kanara is one of the most backward districts in the matter of minor irrigation works, etc.?"

THE HON. SRI C. RAJAGOPALACHARIAR:—" Equitable expenditure is certainly the policy of this Government, Sir."

Alleged issue of notice for the supersession of Kodavasal and Tiruturaipundi panchayat boards and grounds therefor.

* 100 *Q.*—SRI RAO BAHADUR N. R. SAMIAPPA MUDALIYAR on behalf of Khan Bahadur T. M. Moidu Sahib Bahadur: Will the Hon. the Minister for Local Administration be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether it is a fact that the Government have issued notice to the panchayat boards of Kodavasal and Tiruturaipundi to show cause why they should not be superseded;

(*b*) if so, what the grounds are on which the Government issued the said notices;

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(c) whether the panchayat boards offered their explanations and if so, what they are;

(d) whether the Government have received any recommendations from the local Congress Committees of the respective towns with regard to the said supersession notice; if so, what they are, and

(e) whether the Government have passed final orders and if so, whether he will place on the table of this House both the notices and the final orders thereon?

THE HON. SRI B. GOPALA REDDI:—" (a) & (b) Yes. G.O.[a] No. 2688, L.A., dated the 13th July 1938, and G.O.[a] No. 2789, L.A., dated 21st July 1938, are placed on the table of the House.

" (c) Yes. Translations[a] of the replies of the panchayat boards are placed on the table of the House.

" (d) The Government received a letter from the Secretary to the Kodavasal Congress Committee communicating the resolution of the committee, dated 6th June 1938, recommending that the panchayat board should be dissolved and reconstituted instead of being superseded as the board would be put to loss on account of the employment of a special officer. No communication was received from the Congress Committee at Tiruturaipundi.

" (e) Orders were issued in G.O. No. 3327, L.A., dated the 26th August 1938, superseding the Kodavasal Panchayat Board for one year and in G.O. No. 3479, L.A., dated the 3rd September 1938, dropping the question of superseding Tiruturaipundi Panchayat Board. Copies of these orders[a] are placed on the table of the House."

SRI RAO BAHADUR N. R. SAMIAPPA MUDALIYAR:—" May I know, Sir, why the Government accepted the undertaking given by the Tiruturaipundi Panchayat Board for good behaviour and not that of the Kodavasal Panchayat Board?"

THE HON. SRI B. GOPALA REDDI:—" For reasons which are confidential."

SRI RAO BAHADUR N. R. SAMIAPPA MUDALIYAR:—" Is it not a fact that the President of the Panchayat Board, Tiruturaipundi, belonged to the Congress Party while the President of the Kodavasal Board was not a Congressman?"

THE HON. SRI B. GOPALA REDDI:—" I am thankful to the hon. Member for the information he has given me."

[a] Printed as Appendix III on pages 255–262 infra.